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NORTH KOREAN MARITIME AID TO NORTH VIETNAM

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS NORTH KOREAN AID IN THE FORM OF RIVER TUGBOATS BEING PROVIDED NORTH VIETNAM.

2. LOCATION:

NAMPO SHIPYARD - MYONGHYOP, NORTH KOREA (3843N 12523E
GULF OF TONKIN, AND HAIPHONG PORT, NORTH VIETNAM.

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3. BACKGROUND:

COLLATERAL SOURCES HAVE REPORTED THAT NORTH KOREA IS PROVIDING LOGISTICS CRAFT TO NORTH VIETNAM. THE POLISH CARGO SHIP "KRASZEWSKI" WAS SCHEDULED TO ON-LOAD SOME OF THESE UNITS DURING A PORT CALL IN NAMPO, THE LARGEST PORT IN NORTH KOREA. THE KRASZEWSKI WAS OBSERVED IN NAMPO
HOWEVER, NO EVIDENCE OF LOADING ACTIVITY WAS NOTED.

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4. MISSION READOUT:

REVEALS SEVEN RIVER TUGBOATS ON THE
BUILDING WAYS AT THE NAMPO SHIPYARD-MYONGYOP, NORTH KOREA. APPROXIMATELY 10 UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS ARE IN THE VICINITY.

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REVEALS SIX RIVER TUGBOATS (IDENTICAL

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TO THOSE OBSERVED IN NAMPO, NORTH KOREA) ON THE DECK OF THE "KRASZEWSKI", WHICH IS UNDERWAY IN THE GULF OF TONKIN, APPARENTLY EN ROUTE TO HAIPHONG NORTH VIETNAM.

REVEALS FOUR RIVER TUGBOATS AT HAIPHONG PORT. THE TUGBOATS ARE IDENTICAL TO THOSE OBSERVED IN NAMPO, NORTH KOREA AND THOSE NOTED AS DECK CARGO THREE ARE LOCATED AT THE HAIPHONG SHIPYARD NORTH (A STORAGE AREA FOR INCOMING DECK CARGO) AND ONE IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WHARF ALONGSIDE AND ANOTHER TUGBOAT.

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5. REMARKS:

CHARACTERIZED BY A SHALLOW DRAFT HULL AND A LONG, LOW SUPERSTRUCTURE, THE TUGBOATS ARE SUITABLY DESIGNED FOR RIVER DUTIES. HOWEVER, THE CRAFT COULD BE USED IN GROUPS FOR BERTHING LARGE VESSELS IN HAIPHONG OR ! EVEN FOR INFILTRATION PURPOSES. THIS SHIPMENT INCREASES THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TUGBOAT INVENTORY TO A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY 40, THE MAJORITY OF WHICH ARE OF THE LONG, LOW HULLED TYPE. COLLATERAL INFORMATION INDICATES FURTHER TRANSFERS OF THESE VESSELS TO NORTH VIETNAM ARE PENDING. ANALYSIS OF SATELLITE PHOTOGRAPHY REVEALS THAT TUGBOAT CONSTRUCTION IS POSSIBLY CONTINUING.

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THE FOLLOWING MOVEMENT DETAILS OF HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY COLLATERAL. WHILE IN THE PORT OF SHANGHAI, CHINA THE SHIP RECEIVED ORDERS

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FROM CHIPOLBROOK, ITS CHARTERING COMPANY, TO GO TO NAMPO TO TAKE ON 6 TUGBOATS AFTER MAKING ITS REGULARLY SCHEDULED CALL AT DAIREN, CHINA. IT ARRIVED IN NAMPO ON 14 JUNE AND DEPARTED 17 JUNE 1968. THE NEXT DAY IT WAS OBSERVED AT 3232N 12452E. AT 1102Z 23 JUNE 1968, THE SHIP ARRIVED AT HAIPHONG ZERO BUOY. THE FOLLOWING DAY AT 0600Z, SHE ARRIVED IN BACH DANG. DISCHARGING COMMENCED THE SAME DAY AND WAS COMPLETED IN ABOUT 4 HOURS BETWEEN 1600Z AND 2010Z. ON 25 JUNE, THE SHIP WAS OBSERVED HEADING FOR SINGAPORE AT 1800N 10755E.

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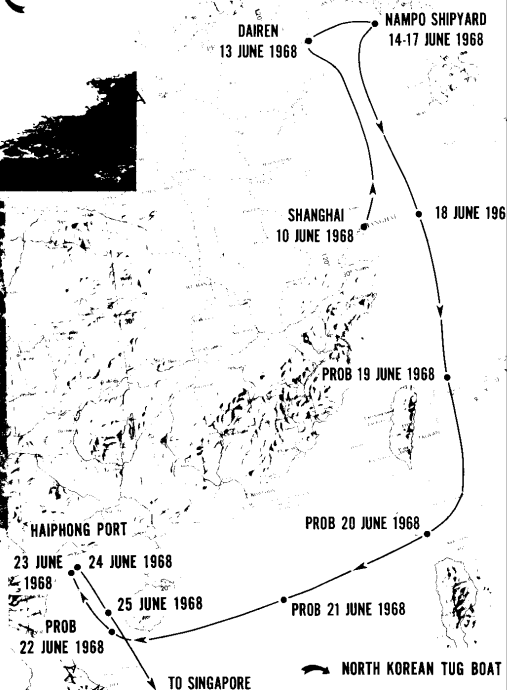
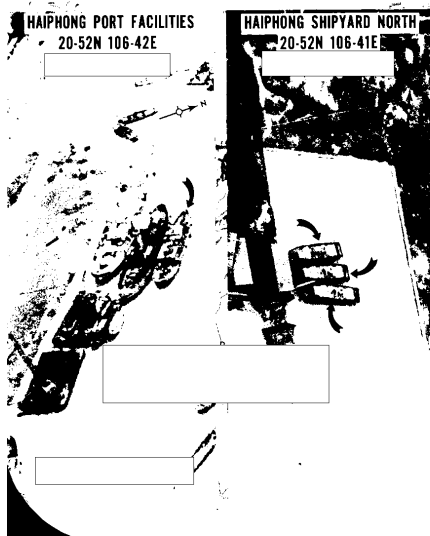
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